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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3388

FOR HABIB FROM SULLIVAN

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, RP

SUBJECT: MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 55150

1. ROMULO HAS AGREED TO SHIFT BACK TO ORIGINAL APRIL 12 SCHEDULE FOR MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS. I HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET GIVEN HIM SCENARIO FOR THAT DAY PENDING TALKS WITH BOB MILLER, WHO IS ARRIVING THIS AFTERNOON AND WHOM I WILL TAKE TO CALL ON ROMULO MARCH 12.

2. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF I COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL ROMULO ON THAT OCCASION THAT WE EXPECT TO TABLE A DRAFT DOCUMENT AT THE APRIL 12 SESSION. IF YOU HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET REACHED DECISION ON THAT TACTIC, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT I WILL WISH TO TELL HIM THIS FACT BEFORE MY OWN DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON.

3. IN VIEW CHANGED SCHEDULE, I PLAN ARRIVE WASHINGTON MARCH 29. THIS WILL NOT ONLY GIVE ME TWO WEEKS ADVANCE ON MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ALSO ENABLE ME TO BE IN DEPARTMENT WHEN ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS BEGIN. I DO NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE THAT I SHOULD ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

4. BECAUSE CINCPAC APPARENTLY HAS SOME DIFFERENCES WITH THIS EMBASSY ON MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS, I PLAN  
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SPEND ONE DAY IN HONOLULU ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON AS WELL AS

ONE DAY ENROUTE BACK TO MANILA. IF MY TRAVEL ORDERS NEED TO BE AMENDED TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS CHANGE AS WELL AS CHANGE IN DATE, I WOULD APPRECIATE BUREAU TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION.

5. I WOULD ALSO REQUEST PHIL DESK TO CHANGE MY RESERVATIONS AT COLUMBIA PLAZA TO BEGIN MARCH 29 IN LIEU APRIL 5. SINCE I MAY WISH SPEND EASTER WITH MY DAUGHTER, REQUEST THESE RESERVATIONS BE TENTATIVELY CONFIRMED THROUGH APRIL 18.  
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